

Missouri State Library

Show Me *Express*

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Show Me Express features time-sensitive information about State Library programs and current news of interest to the Missouri library community.

New website for Missouri Census Data Center

The Missouri Census Data Center (MCDC) has a new website at <http://census.missouri.edu/>. The new website features a streamlined and user-friendly layout for census data products and applications. The “About...” tabs within each section offer general explanations of terminology and data sets to aid the casual user. The “Help” tab can aid in identifying which census product to use, offers linked articles explaining specific topics, and has tutorials for the applications. For power users, the Uexplore/Dexter data archive is still available on the old site and is accessible through a link on the new website. The new site was developed by the Office of Social and Economic Data Analysis, a key partner in the MCDC network.

Two Library-related Bills Signed Into Law

On July 2, Governor Nixon signed HB 1085 relating to privacy of library records. This bill amends Sections 182.815 and 182.817 to add language to the provisions regarding disclosure and release of public library records. The bill includes a definition of digital resources or materials and eBooks in 182.815, and adds to 182.817 the inclusion, in addition to the library, of a ‘third party contracted by a library that receives, transmits, maintains or stores library records.’ There is also a section added to 182.817 that provides for persons who feel their privacy has been compromised by a violation of the statute to file a written complaint and to bring private civil action in the circuit court of the county in which the library is located. It is recommended that libraries review their policies and amend them as needed, and to review their contracts with any vendors that have access to or store library records to be sure that they are in compliance with this addition to the statute. The full bill text is available at: <http://www.house.mo.gov/billtracking/bills141/billpdf/truly/HB1085T.PDF>

On July 8, Governor Nixon signed SB 672, which amends 182.802 to authorize any public library district located in Saline County to impose a sales tax not to exceed one-half of one cent upon voter approval. Seven counties in southeast Missouri were included in the original bill passed in 2011 to allow a sales tax to support library districts. The full bill text is available at:

<http://www.senate.mo.gov/14info/pdf-bill/tat/SB672.pdf>

New Digital Collection in Missouri Digital Heritage

[Missouri Constitutions, 1820-1945](#), contributed by the Missouri State Archives, is now available on Missouri Digital Heritage. This collection includes adopted and proposed Missouri constitutions, including:

1820 - The first Missouri constitutional convention met at the Mansion House Hotel in St. Louis. Written in only 38 days, the first Missouri Constitution was adopted on July 19, 1820.

1845 - As Missouri's population increased, the state outgrew the constitutional limits on the creation of new counties. A second constitutional convention assembled in Jefferson City from November 1845 until January 1846. Missouri voters refused to ratify the proposed constitution in August 1846. This constitution survived the 1911 Capitol Fire with fire and water damage.

1865 - From January 6 to April 8, 1865, delegates met at the St. Louis Mercantile Hall to draft a new constitution. The resulting document was known as the "Draconian Constitution" for its loyalty oath conditions. Designed to exclude all but the most resolute Unionist from public life in Missouri following the Civil War, the document was ratified on June 6, 1865. In 1867, the U. S. Supreme Court struck down the oaths of loyalty in *Cummings v. Missouri* (71 U. S. 277).

1875 - Missouri citizens approved a constitutional convention in 1874. Delegates met in Jefferson City from May 5 to August 2, 1875. The subsequent Constitution required the legislature to appropriate 25% of the general revenue to support public schools and mandated the establishment of separate schools for children of African descent. Missouri voters ratified the constitution on October 30, 1875.

1922 - Delegates assembled for a fifth constitutional convention in Jefferson City from May 15, 1922 to November 6, 1923. Instead of a constitution, 21 amendments were proposed. Because voters refused to approve all of the amendments at the special election of February 26, 1924, none of the amendments were ratified.

1945 - The final Missouri constitutional convention convened in Jefferson City on September 21, 1943. The completed document was approved by the delegates on September 28, 1944. Submitted to the voters as a single proposition, the Constitution was ratified by voters on February 27, 1945, and has since been amended numerous times.

Explore more Missouri history collections at www.MissouriDigitalHeritage.com. Institutions wishing to participate in Missouri Digital Heritage may contact mdh@sos.mo.gov.

Kansas City Public Library Receives American Association for State and Local History Award of Merit

The [Civil War on the Western Border: The Missouri-Kansas Conflict, 1854-1865](#) website recently received the American Association for State and Local History's 2014 Award of Merit, described as "the nation's most prestigious competition for recognition of achievement in state and local history."

Civil War on the Western Border is part of five regional collaborative Civil War Projects supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library.

Visit ALL Missouri Regional Collaborative Civil War Projects:

[American Civil War in Central Missouri](#)

Contributed by the State Historical Society of Missouri and its partners (Central Missouri)

[Civil War on the Western Border: The Missouri-Kansas Conflict, 1854-1865](#)

Contributed by the Kansas City Public Library and its partners (Western Missouri)

[Community and Conflict: the Impact of the Civil War in the Ozarks](#)

Contributed by the Springfield-Greene County Library District and its partners (Southwest Missouri)

[Confluence and Crossroads: The Civil War in the American Heartland](#)

Contributed by Southeast Missouri State University-Kent Library and its partners (Southeast Missouri)

[St. Louis Area Civil War Digitization Project](#)

Contributed by the Missouri History Museum and its partners (St. Louis Area)

Missouri Evergreen Consortium

The [Missouri Evergreen Consortium](#) has just added its nineteenth member as Sikeston Public Library went live on June 16, 2014. The Evergreen union catalog now has: 910,483 MARC records and 1,318,968 items and the total patrons served is 210,545.

MOBIUS is currently working with Ozark Regional Library, which has almost finished adding its records to the consortium catalog and hopes to go live by the end of June. Schuyler County Library is just beginning its retrospective conversion and MOBIUS will work with Marion County Library, Subdistrict I later this summer. The current list of libraries actively participating in the consortium is:

Poplar Bluff Municipal Library

Grundy County Jewett Norris Library

Marshall Public Library

Carrollton Public Library

Lebanon-Laclede County Library

Stone County Library

Webster County Library

Doniphan-Ripley County Library

Albany Carnegie Public Library

Little-Dixie Regional Libraries

Carthage Public Library

Webb City Public Library

Howard County Public Library

Bollinger County Public Library

Washington Public Library

Scenic Regional Library

Caruthersville Public Library

Sullivan Public Library

Sikeston Public Library

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